aive crowds of visitors. The services in chapel were under the charge of Mr. Hatch, Dr. Deems and Mr. Tompkins. Musical exercises, in which the children joined most thoroughly with eart and voice, occupied the greater part of the heart and voice, occupied the greater part of the morning, and towards noon a substantial and seasonable Christmas dinner was partaken of by the children. None of Delmonico's waiters could have exceeded the thoughtful care with which the stomachlo wants of the little ones were attended to by a beyy of young ladies, who seemed to need no other inspiration than that which was prompted by the kindness of their hearts and that marvellous tact that is the heritage of woman. After dinner came the plucking of the fruit of the Christmas tree—fruit that was unknown to the garden of Eden, but which is very plentiful at this season of the year in the stores of Broadway and our principal streets. Every boy and girl received an appropriate gift, and the majority of

were carned by good behavior and meritorious conduct during the year. The well-knewn face of the steward, Mr. W. H. Van Meler, was completiously absent. He is keeping his Christmas in Rome, founding a Wanderers' Home in 'the Eternal City' on the model of the one in New York, and thus initiating a reformatory movement for the street Arabs of Italy. The great crusade against the social and physical misery of the Fourth and Sixth wards is still pushed vigorously on by this 'institution, and the happ', self-reliant faces of hundreds of children within the walls yesterday showed that this consiste with THE EVILS OF POVERTY,

drunkenness, squalor and neglect was a long way from being in vain. One of these children can be rescued from ail this and made a useful citizen by the contribution of \$1 a week. A word to the wise

The Old Brewery and Five Points Mis-

sion.

Mr. Shaffer, the missionary of the above institution, and a number of ladies connected with the Methodist Church gathered around them yesterday morning, at the rooms of the Mission, Five Points, about four hundred boys and girls. Sing-ing addresses, free and easy talk, kindly recognitions of teachers and scholars, blended with a cheerful spirit, by all, that showed that religion never was intended to make the pleasures of livite

never was intended to make the pleasures of little folks any less, made up the preliminary exercises of the morning. This was but the prelude to the stripping of

A BUGE CHRISTMAS TREE.

Presents of a substantial and enduring of aracter were handed to the children, and in addition to these the children took home with them incordals of the mission and mementos of the day in the shape of bags of candies, hands leaded with apples and pockets filled with cakes and or ges. Thus the day was sought to be had happler in many of the house in the new of the Mission. The processing their thoughts from the merely animal wants and the gratification of the senses, appeared to have borne ruit, and the teachers had a little history of each of their pupils ready for any loquirer, that would allorn that never completed volume of the world that is entitled "The Simple Annels of the Poor."

The Five Points House of Industry. The substantial and capacious building in which this great charity is located was crowded yester-day with visitors, who had assembled to take part in the morning exercises and witness the Very pleasant enterfainment of Christmas gitts. In the large schoolroom a Christmas tree of lolly growth had been transplanted to the centre of the room, and when it was it up with its shining and gittering tapers displayed an almost innumerable collection of appropriate children's presents.

The institution was thrown open for the Institution was thrown open for the Institution was thrown open for the Inspection of the Mission is interpreted. There was a nursery where tittle babies were pushing themselves along the floor to show their Christmas gifts, and there was a schoolroom in which boys were marching in Indian file to the dining room, many of whom in stature and in strength looked to be on the verge of manhood.

A WARM MEAL was given to the destitute poor of the neighborhood, and everything seemed to be done by the managers to help as many of the poor as possible to have a "merry Christmas." The inclemency of the present season is making large demands upon this institution, and cast of clothing and substantial food would be heartly welcomed by the managers. in the morning exercises and witness the very

The 300 newsboys who make this house a lodging place nightly, and obtain partial board daily, dined together last evening in the large room of their nome in Park place. The meal was substantial and seasonable, and did credit to the heart and head of Mr. Conner, the Superintendent of the home. The enterprising and indefatigable boys who board the cars, the steamboats, throng all places of public resort, and intercept the footsteps of pedestrians on sidewalks with "extras" and "last editions," and to whom "a murder" or "a big fire" is a source of wealth, sat round the table with their preternaturally sharpened faces looking through a fleecy cloud of steam from the boiled plum puddings with a joyluness and a satisfaction beaming in every eye, and which made up, to some extent, for their loss of home pleasures and the cruelties of car conductors.

Javenile Guardian Society.

The Juvenile Guardian Society, of which Henry pupils and wards at their schools, 101 St. Mark's place and 207 Bowery. This society has been in existence about ten years, and is nominally a Protestant institution, though its beneficence is not restricted to any denomination or creed. At the school in St. Mark's place there are eleven not restricted to any denomination or creed. At the school in St. Mark's place there are eleven children permanent immates of the house, being adopted by the society. Besides these there is a regular attendance of about three hundred and fifty children at the day and Sabbath schools. Yesterday all these were invited to assemble at the institution to participate in a Christmas merry making. About noon the rooms were thrown open for the celebration, and the little ones began to pour in. The walls were decorated with evergreens, and the fadies were present to greet the coming throng. For about two hours the children were amused by singing, addresses and other pleasant exercises, and theft came the feature of the day's entertainment, which will make the occasion memorable in juvenile minds—the distribution of presents. Each child received at the hands of the teachers a little bag of sweetmeats and toys, and the scene was shortly hilarious in the extreme. The distribution was completed about four o'clock, and then the children trolled off to their homes with hearts full, no doubt, of gratitude towards their kind providers. The institution is sustained entirely by voluntary contributions and is conducted by the following isdies, under the supervision of a board of directors and other officers:—Matron, Mrs. A. Kellogg; Principal, Miss K. Schwensen; teachers, Miss M. R. Lewis, Miss A. Kellogg and Miss Traynor.

Protestant Half-Orphan Asylum. The many healthy, rollicking little inmates of the

Protestant Half-Orphan Asylum, 65 West Tenth street, had a very merry Christmas yesterday, if a judgment based on their pleased looks and the noise they made is correct. There are 200 children in this institution, which is supported by voluntary contributions and the small monthly fee which i

contributions and the small monthly fee which is charged the surviving parent for the support of each child. There are 129 boys and eighty girts, ranging from four to fourteen years of age. The institution is in the thirty-ought year of its existence and its officers are as follows:—First Directress, Mrs. George D. Phetps; Second, Mrs. Wilham G. Rull; Treasurer, Mrs. John N. Bradley; Secretary, Mrs. Daniel D. Lord; Matron, Mrs. R. P. Kurlson.

At half-past nine o'clock yesterday morning the children were marshalled in the dining room and were made the happy recipients of presents of coys and ten cents each. As soon as this distribution was completed they returned to the school until dinner time, about one o'clock, when they were invited to a bounteous repast, in which turkeys and all the customary holiday "goodies" figured. This was simply a grand "blow out" for the urchins, and as soon as they had disposed of the provender and felt as though they "couldn't eat any more, unless tacir jackets and waists were unnooked," they were dismissed to enjoy themselves as they picased. This branch of the day's entertainment was a perfect success also, and its seems as though it was an appropriate way in which to let the little ones pass their time, instead of cooping them up on benches to hear long, prosy speeches.

# AT THE CHARITABLE INSTITU-

The rich and prosperous yesterday opened their purse strings to the demands of the receivers the buit, the blind and the aged, and were rewarded by the rays of pleasure given forth by the

warded by the rays of pleasure given forth by the eyes of the recipients, who received these Christman offerings of food and clothing over upon the BLEAK ISLANDS IN THE EAST RIVER.

The sunshine that always follows in the wake of uncatentatious Charity penetrated every convict cell, and fell athwart the cot of each patient enferer from the numerous illa that flesh is held to The Commissioners of Charities and Correction—what a hard word is that last one, correction—were yesterday the instruments through which the rity remembered the poor and the onteast of society who see that

The serie pleasure of a generous act is the great mind's great bribe.

Wherever their jurisdiction extends the Com-

missioners provided savery dinners and religi-ous exercises for the immales of the institutions, whose thankful hearts will not soon forget the Christmas cheer so lavishly provided.

On Blackwoll's Island.

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The Charity and Smallpox Hospital, over which Dr. McDonald presides, has about five lundred patients. In the early morning mass was celebrated by the Roman Catholic chaplain, and at half-past ten services under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church were celebrated. At noon a superb dinner, in which roast turkey, chicken, pudding, cakes and fruit were prominent, was served up to the patients at tables, when they were sufficiently convalescent to at up, and at the cole of the more initim.

At the Pententiary, of which Mr. Fitch is warden, about four hundred and fifty male and ismale prisoners participated in the fastivities. Kongrous services were held in the chapel in the morning by the earnest Catholic clergymen, and later by the Protestant ministers. At half-past tweive the prisoners were marshalled in the duning rooms, where the tubes bent under the weight of turkey, reast fow and other delicacles lawfing distributed. Many a poor convict had cause to recall the merry Christmass he had passed with dear ones at some before the temperst prompted him to commit his first crime against society; and let us noge that many also there at that Christmas dinner formed good resolutions to go out into the world at the termination of their confinement and so conduct themselves as to live down the stigms attaching to the prison garts.

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At no institution was the pleasure more manifest than among the maimed, the crippled and the aged inmates of the Almsbouse, who attended religious services in the morning, and at hoon gathered about the testive board—inly one thousand in number—and made an onstaught upon the Christmas cheer laid out before them, warden Burke and his assistants were active in their exertions to make the day a happy one for the poor, who will not soon forget the Christmas or 1872, The same fare and the same kind of religious instruction as were furnished the immates of the above greeted the prisoners upon the city's bounty who occupy the Workhouse, where Warden Keene has about six hundred guesss, and the Lunate Asylum, where Warden Reach served up palatable dinners to over eight hundred demanted unfortunates. Indeed, it may be said that the air of Blackwell's Island was completely impreguated with the savory odors of roast cincken, pot-pie, toast turkey and plum puddings.

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Ward's Island.

The same scenes of feasting, rejoicing and merry-making were enacted in the institutions on Ward's Island. The five hundred people under the care of Warden James Smyth, of the New York asylum for the Insane, were allowed to enjoy themselves as their tastes suggested, and, at noon, Christmas delicacies were served up smoking not from roasting ovens and steam kettles. In the Insbriate Asylum about two hundred plates were lauen with the good things proyided for the limates, and religious services were held at the usual house. Dr. Adams, the Warden of the Insbriate Asylum, also superintends the Soldiers' Home, of between three and four hundred inmates, who yesterdsy realized the fact that in their manned and destitute condition here are some to remember, some to recognize their services in years passed. As they parteck of their int turkey and tender chicken in door; and iervently thanked the "Giver of all good gitts' that on each returning Christmas they could enjoy some of the good things of earth.

On Hart's Island.

This island is so remote from the city that the reporter of the Herald did not visit it, but the little fellows of the Boys' Reformatory and the adults of the Convalescent Hospital fared as sumptuously as the inmates of the other institutions. The youngsters' hearts were gladdened by a liberal distribution of toys and other pleasant reminders that there were those who had their welfare at at heart.

On Randall's Island

Warden Stephens provided fine dinners for the boys and girls of the Infant Asylum, paraded the juvenile Randall's Island Guard and scattered dolls and tops and other toys among the 800 children, whose happy countenances told how deeply they felt the kindness shown them. The usual re-ligious services and Christmas merry-making occurred in the House of Refuge.

the giant Warden, Thomas Brennan, yesterday wore a joyful face and was as happy as the dove that the venerable Noah set free from the ark in ancient times. For days he was engaged in preparing for the annual feast and merry-making, and he brought to his aid the assistance of the doctors of the institution, whose assistance was valuable. It is no small task to provide for 500 persons, but It is no small task to provide for 500 persons, but the Warden was equal to the emergency, and yesterday there was joy and sunshine about the cots of the suderers. Religious services were held in the morning, a dinner at for a prince was served at one o'cock, and the aternoon was spent in the various modes suggested by each patient's mind. At seven o'cock P. M. all the convalescents were collected in the amphitheatre, where and entertainment was given, in which the attaches and immates vied with the professionals—the Boone family—in the rendition of their respective roles. The entertainment consisted of music, dancing, recitations and songs. "Corkey" Mary, an old habitud of the piace, and Messrs. Kelly and coustin "tripped the light fantastic tee" and heavy brogans to the music of the harp, violin and ciarionet, and all gave themselves up to hilarity and iun. The proceedings partook very mach of ciarionet, and all gave themselves up to hisriy and fun. The proceedings partook very mach of the comic, and the only damper to the evening's enjoyment was a pang sent to the sensitive heart of poor "Corkey" Mary, when her "affinity." the handsome Warden, declined to open the ball with her as his partner. Mary felt the slight keenly, and was forced to swing in the statwart arms of one Mr. Kelly. The following is the programme of Manager Tom Brennan's Varieties:—

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PART FIRST.

Dance (Break Down)... Hon. Mr. Kelly and Corkey Mary Song, "The Bell Goes Ringing for Sarah"... Myrtle Boone Dance... Albert Coukin, Stephen Carroll, Esq's, and Ladies An Address on Temperance by .... Daniel Boone Song, "Little Footsteps"... Grace and Myrtle Boone Song, "Little Footsteps"... Grace and Myrtle Boone Dance... Corkey Mary, Hon. Mr. Kelly and all who wish to join Internalssion of five minutes, in order to allow the audience sufficient time to interchange their respective opinions with regard to the various performances.

PART SECOND.

Recitation, "Stage Struck Footman"... Daniel Boone Recitation. "Dublin Dancing Master"... John J. Haves Dance, "Bellevae Quadrille, Very Select Eight Dialogue, "The Tent Seene," from Jellus Cæssr. Myrtle Dance, "All Hands Arouns"... Grace and Myrtle Dance, "All Hands Arouns"... John J. Hayes Quadrille (Mischille, Master)... John J. Hayes Quadrille (Mischille, Master). John J. Hayes Quadrille (Mischille, Master). John J. Hayes Quadrille (Mischille, Master). As Ninepin, Mr. Carroll To conclude with Mr. Red, White and Bitte Master).

## CHRISTMAS AT THE THEATRES.

The managers had a gala time yesterday. Both the matines and evening performances were well attended, and thousands of country visitors con-tributed their share to the receipts of the treasurers' offices. "London Assurance" and "The School for Scandai" attracted a crowd of comedy lovers to the Union Square; Sothern gave his in. imitable impersonation of "Brother Sam" at Wallack's; "New Years' Eve" and "Round the Clock" were on the bills of Mr. Daly, at the Fifth Clock" were on the bills of Mr. Daly, at the Fifth Avenue and Grand Opera House; "Lee and Lotos" spread its effolgence at Niblo's, and "Les Cent Vierges" sparkled at the Clympic. The smaller theatrs had special Christmas performances of rare attractions. The oratorio of "The Messiah" was performed by the Mondelssoin Union last evening at Steinway Hail. Altogether, the amusement managers may well be congratulated for presenting a host of attractions, and for their success in securing no inconsiderable share of patronage. They cannot complain of Santa Claus.

### THE DAY AT THE PARK.

That the "ball" was up at the Park yesterday delighted thousands who, for the first time during the season, had an opportunity of indulging in the favorite pastime of skating. Immediately after breaklast some of the more anxious were found on the Sixth avenue pond, and from the moment they cut the introductory "pigeon wing" until dinner time they kept on the "ringing steel" up and down

time they kept on the "ringing steel" up and down the space with an earnestness that impressed one with the belief that if human nature could withstand the fatigue they would

SKATE FOR A WEEK

at a time and not become tired of the exercise. Noon found the number on both the Sixth avenue pond and the lake greatly augmented, and from two o'clock onward there was a jam of representatives from every part of the city and of all classes and conditions of Society that can only be seen together on a holiday. Little girls and little boys who had pleasant homes and are tenderly cared for were there in scores side by side with the ragged, happy-goucky had of the Fourth and Sixth wards; well dressed men and elegantly attired women were in the same throng with less fortunate brothers and sisters, all making up

A PICTURE DECIDEDLY IMPRESSIVS.

As evening approached the army of fresh recruits enlivened the scene immensely, and when the lamps were lighted the hilarity on the Lake was such as to remited the veteran skaters of the old carnival times. The fun and frolic of the occasion never lagged. It was as keen and thorough at eleven o'clock, when the word was passed to 'clear the lake,' as during the early hours of the day. Regretfully many took their leave, but one and all were enthusiastic in expressing themselves elegand

with their Christmas sport. Yesterday was, in-

THE FANTASTICALS.

Of all the cities in the world that celebrate the birth of the Saviour, New York, outside of Vonice and Rome, stands pre-eminent in the variety of its amusements. It is here a gais day, and for weeks proceding its advent is looked forward to with anxious thought and pleasant anticipations by all classes. Here every language is spoken and every character of religion tolerated, and it is safe to say that the representatives of every nationality and in their own way to the great bulk of funwhich marks the occasion. As usual, yesterday, when Trinity was colming its greetings to stranger and resident sirke, there wended up Bruadway and other theoremfares a class so different from the common wayfarer that they attracted universal attention.

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THE PANTASTICALS

were out. And they created much amusement, and made even the surly inclined to laugh in spite of thems. Ives. In their end to the paper ridicalous they surpassed every former holiday. Many were resplications in colors, and, where they incked this attraction and also that of beauty in dress, they hade up for it in sheer absurdity. In the several companies noticed parading upon the principal streets were large and brawny grenadiers; makes and females of

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ORLING ORIGIN,
or at least they intended to represent that nationally; dukes without number; countesses in profusion, and thicky Sambo had soors of national
uchinators. These bands of miscreants were, indeed, "worry antic," and it is far to assume that
they made many who saw them laugh when mughter was in thest from their hearts, and, upon this
assumption, their appearance was not sitogether
without some good.

#### CHRISTMAS IN BROOKLYN.

There was much domestic joy in the City of Churches yesterday. Jack Frost had a severe struggle for the ascendancy with Kris Kringle (Santa Claus); but the good old soul who is wont to gladden the hearts of the juveniles was not to be put down in his noble cause, and threw his antagonist. The intense cold did not prevent fond parents from laying in their usual Christmas stock in trade on Tuesday night; hence it was that Santa Claus was up to the high standard in which he is Claus was up to the high standard in which he is held by the little people. Stockings were filled to repletion, and all that remained over was carefully

held by the little people. Stockings were filled to repletion, and all that remained over was carefully deposited on the hearth, whence dear young faces tunned and were lit up with joy indeed as the first streak of day made its way to the nulsery. Never has Christians—that most gorous of all lestivals celebrated by mankind—been more generally of happily observed than it was in Brooslyn yesterday.

\*\*ROURS BEFORE SUNRISH,\*\*

as early as hall past three o'clock, the bells of several of the Catholic churches were man, and rapid plotsees nastening churchward might be heard upon such and trosten sidewalks and streets as people ran along egger to pay the respect of their first devotions to the "tedgemer, whose nativity they sought to honor. First mass was elarly as flow plotsees nationed for the feeding of the first own of the cholic churches as early as flow plotsees. There were services also in the Episcopalish, methodist and Presby terian churches, and the concirs vied with each other in rendering their best vocal efforts. Two sermons were preached in most of the churches, and all the cullices were decorated with evergreens. Collections were taken up for the beneft of the originans among the Catholic congregations, and for the poor in general among other denominations. The offerings of the faithful were generous.

Dinners were furnished at every charitable institution in the city, and good cheer made the burdens of the recipients light for the time being at all events. At the Pententlary, Clove road, the uniortunate immates, to the mamber of about four hundred, who are taught upon all other occasions that "the way of the transgressor is hard," were not forgotten in the matter of Christmas fairs. They were feted, under the superintendence of Keeper Shevim and Deputy Edward Crummey, in a right royal manner. Their dinner consisted of turker, geese, mince ple, oranges, apples, raisins, almonds, &c.

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LES MISERABLES EYES
watered with varied emotions as they partook of the liberal array of luxuries, so rare in the Penitentiary. At Truant Home Mr. Charles Demsrest, superintendent, led the juvenile wayward future members of Congress on roast beef and plum pudding, until the boys declared they had not the temerity to look any further provender in the face. In the sobool rooms of the Methodist churches there were many merry gatherings. Large tees were erected and loaded with toys and sweetmeats until they fairly groaned beneath the weight. Boxes of "goodies" were distributed among the children; the Sabbath school teachers, superintendents and pask rs comming led in social, happy accord, exchanging the compliments of the season and many pretty presents. The stores throughout the city remained closed, and business was suspended upon all sides.

sisted by Rev. Father McNames and Father Rierdon. The singing of the choir was, to say the least, don. The singing of the choir was, to say the least, admirable. Mme. Moore sang soprano, Mrs. Early sang aito: bass, Messrs. Delion and Young. The young ladies and gentlemen composing the cheir numbered thirty, so that the effect was really something to be proud of. Father McNamee preached a sermon on the feast of the day, in the course of which he alithed to the birth of our Lord, spoke of the results of redemption, and encouraged his hearers to co-operate with Jesus Christ in saving their own souls by leading holy lives while "so-ourning in this valley of tears." The reverend gentleman also spoke at length on the liberal tendencies of the age, which, the reverend gentleman remarked, were apt to carry men back to paganism again.

St. James' Church.

At half past ten o'clock yesterday. Bishop Loughlin celebrated high mass in presence of a very
large congregation in this church. He was assisted by Rev. Father Tyner, master of ceremenies,
and his deacons were Pather O'liste and Father
Kiely. The Rev. Father Kiely preached an eloquent
sermon'on the text, "Verbum caro factum est"—
the Word was made fiesh. Mrs. Shriek présided
at the organ. At vespers the Rev. Father Kiely
and Rev. Father O'lfare. Immediately after vespers followed the benediction of the Biessed Sacrament, after which the congregation withdrew.

Church of St. Boniface.

In the Church of St. Boniface, Brooklyn, there was a splendid chor, consisting of thirty, and a string band, which discoursed some very fine music. The organist was Professor William Herbert. The Rev. P. De Berge preached three times, once The Rev. P. De Berge preached three times, once at five o'clock mass, again at eight o'clock mass and finally at half-past ten o'clock mass. The choir deserve great credit for the manner in which they did their part of the services. The principal solo was Miss W nohell, second solo, Mr. Collins; solo of the "Adeste Fideles," Mr. Shirgert. The "crib" in this church was original in design. It represented a landscape and sheep grazing on It, the cave being seen in the distance where the Babe was born; the Virgin and St. Joseph and shepherds also being represented. Crowds visited it during the day.

### CHRISTMAS ON LONG ISLAND.

The Christmas observances were very general throughout the rest of Long Island, special services being held in all the Episcopalian and Catholic churches, which were handsomely dressed with evergreens. The inmates of the Jamaica Poor House have good reason to remember the anniver sary, as they were all treated to an extra dinner and provided with new and warm clothing through the munificence of a number of citizens of the village. Church fairs and festivals were also held by a number of the churches in Jamaica and elsewhere. Though the cold was intense the enjoyment was universal.

### THE DAY IN NEW JERSEY.

Jersey City.

"What a delightful Christmas we have," was the universal remark throughout Jersey City, an ob-servation which fully expressed the spirit in which it was celebrated by old and young. It was emi-nently the home festival, the day of indoor enjoyment, of fireside pastime and pleasing recollec-tions of the family history. Out of doors there was nothing to attract attention save the hurrying to and fro of the members of amilies on their way to the domiciles where were centered their affections and their were centered their affections and their pleasures. A religious day, a very religious day it was, as one could readily judge from a peep into the churches, where, for nearly the twenty-four hours praises were offered to God in the highest and peace and good will inchicated towards men. This was indeed the scub-stirring feature of the celebration The first public act of homoge and thanksgiving

was at St. Peter's courch, where midnight mass was celebrated up one of the Jemit tatters, and, celd though the hight was the edited was crowded. The arter was brilliantly lituminated to instil devotion and awaken faith. Reuendorf was in his accentioned east the organ, and, when the tones of that unrivaled sacred melody, the "Adeste Pideles," rang out en thousands of carra, amid all the awa and solemnity of the imposing coremonics in the dead hour of night, the erfect was sublime. The music of the imasses was repeated at the half-past fen services, and was taken from Mandarid. At the outertary the "O Salutaria" was rendered by a quarter of male volods. A sermon was preached by Father Mobernott, of Maryland.

The services in the Episcopal courches were also very impressive. There was quite a musical treat in St. Marsk's, where a rich programme was carried out under the direction of Prolessor Gustave Blam. In Grace church—the leading Episcopal church of the city—services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rice.

In Hoboken a grand scene was presented at the midnight mass in St. Maryls church, the siture being literally covered with wax lights.

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The great sacred-secular festival of the year was recognize ! In Newark by a universal suspension of business and by a religious and social observance more general than on any preceding Christmas. In the churches, at least in those of the Catholic and several of the Episcopal denominations, the celebration of the Saviour's birth commenced at midnight on Christmas eve. This was sartious by the case at the House of Frayer menced at midnight on Christmas eve. This was partitionarily the case at the House of Frayer and Grace church. Episcopal, and St. Patick's Cathedral and the other Catholic temples, where special services, more or less brilliant, were held and attended by large congregations despite the bitterness of the weather. At all the other churches services were hed yeaterday for noon, and in the evening Christmas tree leativals were in older. The secular observance was equally orderly as it was generous and general. During the twenty-four hours preceding seven o'clock last evening there were agreeted but about thirty persons, all being for trilling offences, and most of them for drunktencess. At the various charitable institutions and he County Jail the Inmates and prisoners were provided with substantial illustration of the old rhyme.

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CHRISTMAS ON STATEN ISLAND.

Christmas Day was never before so well observed by the good people of Staten Island as yesterday. The business places throughout the county were cosed and the American flag floated from a num-The business places throughout the county were cosed and the American flag floated from a number of the residences. No business was transacted in the courts or public offices. Services were held in all the charceds, but morning and evening. The Cartolic charches were handsomely decorated and in many first mass was celebrated at and might and four A. M. At New Brighton the Rev. Father Conron officiated, at Clitton the Rev. Father Conron officiated, at Clitton the Rev. Father Lewis, and at Rossville the popular Father John Barry. The discourses were of the highest order, the subjects being on the birth of Our Saviour. At the Sailor's Saug Harbor the immales, to the number of 200 tars, had a jolly time of it. A gread dunner was given them by the trustees at two o'clock, which the weather-beaten old yeterans of the Sia relished with a will. At the Sameria Retreat, in Stapleton, Dr. King, the Superintendent, gave a magnificent dinner to the invalids under his care, and the immates of the County House, at Richmond, were treated in a like manner by the keeper.

The day passed off quietly, nothing having occurred to mar the harmony and goodfellowship of which the day is indicative.

#### CHRISTMAS AT WASHINGTON.

Services in the Metropolitan Methodist

Episcopal Church—Sermon by Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1872.

The bells of the Methodist Episcopal church in this city played the following chimes at six in the morning:—"Oxford Chimes," "Joy to the World,"
"Let the Merry Church Bells Ring," "Christmas Carol," "Adeste Fideles," "Kyric Elelson," arranged from Mozart's Twelfth Mass; "Gloria in Excelsis," from Hayden's Mass No. 1; old English Christmas carol, "Sound the Loud Timbrel," and "Home, Sweet Rome." The church for the first time in its history was beautifully decorated with evergreens. There was an old-fashloned Metho-dist prayer meeting at half-past six and a regular church service at eleven, which was largely at

tended, PRESIDENT GRANT and his family and many distinguished personages season and many pretty presents. The stores throughout the city remained closed, and business was suspended upon all sides.

Church of Our Lady of Mercy.

This church was brilliantly illuminated at half, past ten o'clock yesterday morning and had a very large congregation in attendance notwithstanding the fact that the mercury was within a few degrees of zero. The choir was admirably conducted under the supervision of Mr. Cartada, the organist. The mass was from Gonoux, this mass never having been suns in the city of Brooklyn before, The Very Rev. Father McEiroy, pastor of the church, was the high priest on the occasion. He was as-

the list by Matthew is the same person as Matthat in Luke's list. To him were born two sous,

JACOR, THE KIDER.

who was father to Mary, and Hell the younger, who was father to Joseph; Jesus, born of Mary, and helr of Joseph, thus inherited from both mother and reputed father His kingly little and position. He was thus "born king" in an anusual manner, and the recognition of this fact, well known to the Jewa, explains why the people were ready "to take Him by force and make Him a king;" why Herod feared Him; why the mother of Zebedee's children desired places for them, and also why the disciples were always looking for temporal zoverolgaty and asking, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?" The world was expectant of His birth. God ruling in Providence brought about the strange coincidences by which all antecedent PROTHECY WAS FULFILLED.

And yet the world He had made, and now had blessed by His coming, rejected Him in His sprittual relations and had neither power nor will to confer temporal sovereignty. Still is He king, "born King" of the Jews, to have an ultimate and future reign. Meanwhile He must become our chosen sovereign and have rule in our hearts, prepared by the flux alide which is manger surgests, enriched by the fove which He imparts. To Him must we offer our best gifts as did the wise men—frankmeense, for he is a God; myrrh to embaim all precious memories of the past, and gold the richest tribute that our carth affords; our hearts, our lives, our loves are His. We cannot pay Him homage in his person, but we may do Him honor frough His representatives. And He left the "poor always with us," that through them we might show our love to Him. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto these ye have done it unto me." The sermon closed with an earnest exhortation to practical benevolence as the best expression of personal gratitude for God's great gift to man.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE CHARLESTOWN

Bosron, Mass., Dec. 25, 1872. The day at the State Prison in Charlestown was commemorated in the usual manner. Com-pared with other days, however, an unusual strictness was displayed in the matter of the admission of outsiders, and only three men besides the Herald correspondent were allowed to cross the threshold of the rotunda, One of these was a clergyman and the others were reporters for the Boston press. The prisoners were marshalled into the chapel, as is oustomary; but, as is not customary, the officers in charge of them exercised a great deat of vigilance over their movements. At no time during the services did a turnkey's hand leave his pistol, and occasionally the ominous click of a cocked revolver warned all present of the consequences of an outbreak. Fortunately none such occurred. The prisoners were called to order by their chapiain, and after singing by a volunteer choir, Colonel Francis J. Lippitt read to them selections from Bret Harte and other popular authors. Mrs. Sarah Warner Brooks, the "Florence Nigatingale" of the prison, was greated with an elegantly written testimonial from the convicts, after which there were a hymn and the benediction. Contrary to the previously conceived opinions of the officers of the prison, there was no disturbance, and the day passed of pleasantly for all concerned. as is customary; but, as is not customary, the

### POUND DEAD ON THE TRACK.

On Tuesday night, shortly after eleven o'clock, the body of an unknown man, forty years of are, was taken to the Ninetoenth precinct police station. Deceased, whose mangled body was found on the rail track at F utth avenue and Seventy-se and street, is supposed to have been run over by the 8.50 e'clock F. M. outward bound train of Harlem cars. Coroner Young has the case in charge.

FATAL BUN OVER ACCIDENT.

Adam Smith, a man thirty-one years of age and native of this city, died on Tuesday from the effects of injuries received a few hours previously corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-seventh street, by being accidentally run ever by his own truck. Deceased, who was a married nian, Tv.d. at 174 Mailson street, where Corener Young was notified to noid an inquest.

AMERICANS AS DESCRIBED BY AN ENGLISH-HAN.

Last Pall this country was visited by Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, a Methodist intuiter from Liver-pool, of some celebrity as a pulpit crater. Since his return he has been telling his people what he heard, saw, felt, tasted and smelled in America. in a rocent lecture he observed with regret, but not surprise, that the Seathern people were still not surprise, that the Seathern people were still not completely at hickmond and locked at the first own of the people were still the still the still not the complete of the still not be corrected and crave, all the most be a long clear the corrected and crave, all the most be a long clear the corrected and crave, all though defeated people, forgot that dreadful time. He gave a numerous account or some of the physical people, forgot that dreadful time, He gave a numerous account or some of the physical people, forgot that dreadful time, He gave a numerous account or some of the physical people, forgot that dreadful time, He gave a numerous account of the American papers honored him was regarded with feelings of pity. He did not see the pigmies that were so often met in such towns as Blackburn and Bolton, for the American people were generally large of stature. But on one occasion he met a very small character on a railway train, who drank something out of a bottle that nade him wink every time in drank-but when this person asked, 'Are we werry near New York,' he found him to be a countryman oil its ovu; and, as he expressed it, "A machine maker irom Bowton." He (the locturer) attributed the piece faces which were so frequently seen in America to the aystem of distary and the aminous of exercise taken by the poople, and the living in an artificially high characters with regard to persons decanilness, the Americans were requested during his travels in America. On the people at home. Cleanliness was the order of the day, and he had found the table lines in horizon and the face of the day, and he had found the table lines in horizon and the face of the day, and he had found the table lines in horizon and the seath of the people and the seath of the peop BAD BOSTON.

Raid on Gambling Dens-A Banker, a Clergyman and Several Merchants

Caught. Boston, Dec. 25, 1872. The proprietors of the leading gambling houses in Boston, together with about a hundred of their patrons, were brought to sudden and unexpected grief this evening. Some ten days ago Chief Congrief this evening. Some ten days ago Chief Constable Boynton, of the State force, in connection with Detective Smith, commenced their plans for a general raid, and on account of the dens being more generously patronized on holiday occasions it was deemed wise to make the descent on Christmas. Five of the leading places in the city were "come down on" simultaneously, and an aggregate of nearly a hundred men were arrested altogether. At No. 3 Huron street only twelve were captured; but at as Sudbury street, there were forty-five arrests; five at No. 3 Montgomery place, sixteen at Alden street, and about twenty at 29 Howard street. About six thousand dollars worth of lurniture, together with a large quantity of gambling paraphernalis was also selzed, and will be destroyed in obedience to the anti-gambling laws of Massachusetts. Among the parties arrested were a number of prominent citizens, including, besides merchants

of prominent citizens, including, besides merchants and manufacturers, one prominent bank president of Boston and a clergyman of a neighboring city. They were all taken to the headquarters of the State Police and admitted to ball for their appearance in Court to-morrow morning. They will probably be let off by payment of a fine and costs, amounting in each case to about thirty dollars.

### MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Married.

HAVEMEYER-FRANCIS.—At the United States Legation, Athens, Greece, on Saturday, December 21, 1872, by Rev. Dr. Hill, John C. HAVEMEYER, of New York, to ALICE A., daughter of the Hon. John M. Francis, of Troy, N. Y., United States Minister to

Francis, of Troy, N. Y., United States Minister to Greece.

MCKEACHNIE—LEVERIDGE.—On Tuesday, December 23, by the Roy of B. Bell, David P. McKeachnie to Adreine M., daughter of Benjamin C. Leveridge, all of this city.

NONSS—NEOUS.—On Wednesday evening, December 25, by Rev. William Abercromble, D. D., Albert S. NONSS, of Wilmington, Del., to Emma L., eldest daughter of William I. Negus, Esq., of Montelair, N. J.

WILMIGHT—RANGUS.—On Thursday, December 19, at the bride's residence, by Rev. Christopher Rhodes, Samuel K. William T. Florence F., daughter of George E. Rangus, Esq., all of this city. No cards.

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ANDREWS.—On Wednesday morning, December 25, HARRY WHITELY, aged 2 years, I mouth and 14 days, youngest son of Thomas and Jennie A. An-

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Funeral from the residence of Mis parents, 240 west Twenty-first street, on Friday, December 27, at one o'clock P. M.

BEEGH.—At Rhinebeck, on Monday, December 23, George R. Brank, aged 35 years.

Funeral at Rhinebeck, on Thursday, 25th inst., at the o'clock P. M.

BERGY.—At Greenpoint, ELIZABETH, wife of James Berry, in her 57th year.

The rentitives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the nuneral, from her late rasidance, 65 Leonard street, this (Thursday) afternoon, at one o'clock.

BOUTON.—On Tuesday, December 24, suddenly, Angeling, whise of William Bouton, aged 31 years and 6 moly.—B.

Fulcial will take place from her late residence, 142 Lexing 75 at half-past seven o'clock. Relatives and friends, ship members of Polar Star Lodge, No. 248, F. and A. M., and of Phoenix Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., are respectfully invited to attend. Her remains will be taken to Rye, Westenester county, on Friday morning, for interment. Trains leave Porty-second street depot at ten o'clock A. M., by New Haven Railroad.

CATLIN.—In Jersey tity, on Monday, December 23, after a lingering lilness, George Catlin, artist, aged 76 years.

Funeral this day (Thursday), at eleven o'clock A. M., from the residence of D. S. Gregory. The remains will be taken temporarily to the Jersey City Cemetery.

COLE.—At Greenpoint, on Tuesday, December 24, Kare, wife of Abraham J. Cole, and eldest daughter of John Bendernagel, aged 39 years, Tononths and 11 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday, December 27, at one o'clock P. M., from the residence of her father, 94 South Fourth attreet, His (Thursday) afternoon, at four o'clock. The remains will be taken to Ridgedich, Conn.

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FREMMAN.—On Wed eslay. December 25, in Brooklyn, Carrain A. Freeman, daughter of the late Captain James A. and Rebecca E. Freeman, aged 19 years.

Relatives R.-d friends are invited to attend the funeral on Friday, December 27, at half-past two c'clock, from her late residence, 659 De Kalb av.

Greson.—On Tuesday, December 24, Syste Gisson, in the 28th year of her age.

The relatives and triends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, from the remediance

of her father, 197 dold street, Srootiya, on Thursday, December 26, at two clock P. 26

His remains will be taken from his late residence, 108 Madion street, to St. James church, James street. this Crimpaday, morning, at the processing of the control of the con

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, If Dover street, on Friday, December 27, attwelve M. QUINN.—On Wednesday, December 27, attwelve M. QUINN., daughter of Ellen and the late Michael Quinn, aged 4 years, 8 months and 11 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her mother, 131 Gold street, Brooklyn, on Friday, at two o'check.

REILLY.—On Tuesday, December 24, Hugh REILLY, a native of the parish of Killmore, county Usvan, Ireland, in the 57th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 55 Pitt street, on Thursday, December 26, at nine o'clock A. M., and from thence to St. Mary's church, countr Grand and Ridge streets, where a solemn mass of requiem will be offered for the repose of his soul, and from thence to Calvary Cemetery at one o'clock P. M.

RUSHER.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday morning, December 24, George Rusher, of Durrie & Rusher, New York, in the 41st year of his age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 352 Chinton street, Brooklyn, on Friday, December 27, at two o'clock P. M.

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RUSSEIL.—On Inesday, December 24, MAR-HETTA, daughter of FrederickA. and Mary E. Russell.

The relative, and friends of the family are re-spectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, 27 Lawrence attect, os Thursday, December 26, at two P. M. SCHAEFER.—On Monday, December 23, KAYK ELIZA, youngest daughter of Frederick and Louisa Schaefer, aged 1 year, 4 months and 26 (1978).

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Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, December 26, at two o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents, No. 221 Conover street, South Brooklyn. SEAMAN.—On Tuesday, December 24, Smas C., son of the late Dr. L. W. Seaman, in the 39th year of his age.

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Shikhurgh — At Smithstown, Pa., on Friday, December 20, Margaret Elizappth Shribbright, Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from Trinity church, on Thursday, the 26th Inst., at half-past one P. M., without further notice, Shosson. On Saturday evening, December 21, Jons Shosson, Counsellor-at-Law, aged 66 years. His relatives and riends and the members of the Ear are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday next, December 20, at ten A. M., at the Reformed church, corner of Twenty-first street and Fifth avenue.

SMITH.—On Weinesday morning, December 25,

the Reformed church, corner of Twenty-first street and Fifth avenue.

SMITH.—Un Wednesday morning. December 25. at No. 12 Clinton place, John A. SMITH, aged 35 years, 8 months, 16 days.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, Gochen, N. Y., on Friday, the 27th inst., at one P. M. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend. Train leaves foot of Chambers sireet at eight A. M.

SMITH.—Suddenly, on Tuesday, December 24, ADAM SMITH, aged 31 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, and those of his brothers Lawrence and Caspar, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Friday morning at ten o'clock, from his lateresidence 174 Maring at ten o'clock, from his lateresidence 174 Maring street.

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Stewart.—In this city, on Wednesday, December 25, Daniel Stewart.

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Ward.—At Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, December 22, Ellen Amklia, wife of the Rev. Charles W. Ward, and daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Seabury, D. D.

The relatives and friends are requested to attend the funeral, from the Chirch of the Annunciation, West Fourteenth street, on Thursday, the 25th lines, at one P. M.

WRITE.—On Monday, December 22, 1872, MERRITE GODWIN, only son of Thomas J. and Carrie Lee Waite, aged 4 months and 19 days.

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YATES.—In brooklyn, on Tuesday, December 24, JAMES G., youngest son of Hannah and the late Thomas Yates, aged 30 years.

The relatives and friends of the Samily are respectively invited to attend the Saneral services, at 119 Henry street, on Friday, with this, at half-past, three P. M.